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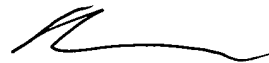
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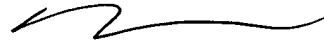


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	AA	6,052,663	April 18, 2000	Kurzweil, et. al.			
	AB	6,076,060	June 13, 2000	Lin, et. al.			
	AC	6,377,928 B1	April 23, 2002	Saxena, et. al.			
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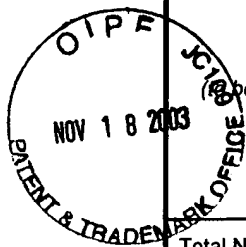
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